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Legislative Panel Okays State Funds For Hill Park

The joint Senate-Assembly Conference Committee on the state budget on June 22 approved a \$500,000 request by Assemblywoman Carole Migden (D-SF) to help save Esprit Park from development.

"These funds, when pooled with other money, will keep Esprit Park green for the enjoyment of the residents of Potrero Hill and all of San Francisco," stated Migden.

"This park is a much needed open space in a part of the City which currently has few public parks and it should not be bulldozed over and built on," she continued.

Esprit Park is owned by the Esprit Corporation, which was recently acquired by an outside investment group. Covering an entire city block, the park contains mature landscaping, fitness equipment, and picnic areas. Open space advocates fear that pressure from developers could result in the park area being converted into commercial and residential units.

The \$500,000 allocation must still be approved by the full Legislature. It will then become part of the overall state Budget Bill, which is sent to the Governor for his review.



Deb Self (left), program manager of the San Francisco Food Bank, speaks with Pat Hurst, Executive Director of Ellsworth Cottage and Joe McClellan, custodian of Ellsworth Cottage, the first shoppers to arrive at the new Food Bank warehouse and distribution center in Potrero Hill.

San Francisco Food Bank Opens Its New, Modern Distribution Warehouse on Site of Former PG&E Tank

The San Francisco Food Bank moved its operation June 23 to a new warehouse and food distribution center on Potrero Hill.

The new facility, located at 900 Pennsylvania Avenue, was built with \$5.5 million in contributions from Bay Area businesses, foundations, and individuals and on land valued at \$3.1 million donated by Pacific Gas and Electric Co.

At 55,000 square feet, the new warehouse will triple the Food Bank's storage capacity and enable the non-profit organization to increase dramatically the amount of food it distributes to community food providers. Currently, the Food Bank distributes 7.5 million pounds annually.

The need for a new warehouse was prompted by three events: an increase in the number of families and individuals in chronic need of food assistance; a shift in the food industry toward prepared and perishable foods requiring cool storage, and an anticipated change in ownership of the Port facility rented by the Food Bank.

The previous location was near the proposed site of UCSF's Mission Bay campus. Despite a 200 percent increase

in the amount of food distributed in the last four years, the Food Bank has been forced to turn away millions of pounds of food because of inadequate cold storage and food handling facilities.

Designed by Skidmore, Owings &

Merrill LLP, the new warehouse includes proper refrigeration and freezer space of produce, meat, and dairy products. In addition, the facility includes a repack room for bulk foods and increased dry storage for boxed foods. It also is engineered seismically to remain

operational in the aftermath of a major earthquake.

Paul Ash, executive director of the San Francisco Food Bank, says, "There are an estimated 90,000 children, adults and seniors who face hunger in our community. We anticipate that these numbers will continue to grow as welfare reform is implemented. The new warehouse is a critical resource in the fight against hunger in San Francisco.

"After years of turning down nutritious foods, he notes, we will be able to operate more efficiently and to increase our capacity dramatically. More food is needed and now we have the proper tool to reach more San Franciscans who are hungry."

The San Francisco Food Bank is the largest distributor of food for hungry people in the city. Each year, more than 7.5 million pounds of food are distributed through the Food Bank's 350-plus member agencies serving the homeless, people with AIDS, seniors, infants, children, and teens—virtually every population at risk of hunger.

With the help of volunteers, the Food Bank sorts, cleans, and repackages donated surplus food, providing 14,000 meals each day. More information is available at 282-1900.

**The Potrero Hill Community
Is Invited
to an Open House
at the San Francisco Food Bank**

**900 Pennsylvania Avenue
Saturday, July 26
10 a.m.-1 p.m.**

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GETTING INVOLVED

ROSES (Residents of the Southeast Sector) meets the first Thursday of each month (July 3) with members of the San Francisco Police Department, to discuss issues of public concern. Meetings take place at 7 p.m. in the Community College, downstairs, at 1800 Oakdale at Phelps, off Bayshore. On the agenda: Open discussion of Bayview-Hunters Point concerns and solutions, to be chaired by ROSES President Paul Gloss, with brief descriptions of the workings of Police Dispatch Operations; an address by Captain Sylvia Harper and a detailed description of the many community resources available to the public, such as the Safe/Neighborhood Watch, the various S.F. Community Boards, Citizens' Patrol (Officer Julie Lynch), S.F. Youth Court (Officer Yulanda Williams) and Inter City Youth (ICY), (Michael Brown.)

Potrero Hill Health Center Advisory Board meets the second Monday of the Month (July 14) from 6-7 p.m. Meetings, held at the Center at 1050 Wisconsin Street, are open to the public. This month, in addition, three more important planning sessions will be held in preparation for the giant "Jobs and Health Fair" sponsored by the PHHC with the Potrero Hill Neighborhood House, among many other groups. Eve Milton of the Health Center points out that everybody's help will be needed and urges us to attend these planning meetings, at 2:30 p.m. on July 2, 9, and 16, at the clinic, 1050 Wisconsin St. The Fair itself takes place on Saturday, July 19 on Carolina St. between Starr King School and the Starr King Park. Come one, come all!

Potrero Hill Democratic Club meets the second Tuesday of each month (July 8). The meetings start at 7 p.m., at the Potrero Hill Neighborhood House, 953 DeHaro St. Two speakers are announced for this meeting: Mike Thomas of the Committee for a Better Environment, and Fred Ross Jr., Chief of Staff to Representative Nancy Pelosi. Each is scheduled to speak for no more than 15-20 minutes.

Starr King Park Board meets the second Wednesday of each month (July 9) in the Potrero Hill Library upstairs meeting room, 1616 - 20th St., at 7 p.m. As usual, a "down-to-earth" work party will be held the following Saturday, June 12, in the Park (Carolina St. from 23rd to 25th Sts. behind the school, 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The current task is the eradication of the star thistle and fennel, enabling the native plants to thrive.

PLAN (Potrero League of Active Neighbors) is taking the summer off. The next meeting will be held in September. Call Elizabeth, 826-6359 for information.

Potrero Hill Boosters and Merchants meet the last Tuesday of the Month (July 29) at 7:30 p.m. at the Potrero Hill Library: 1616 - 20th St.



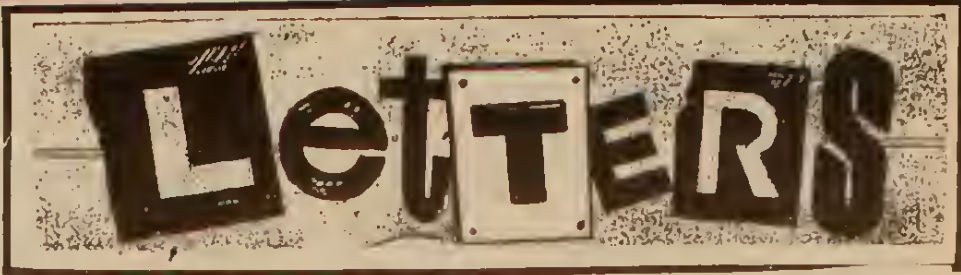
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Jackson Park Changes?

Editor:

The Potrero Hill Parents Assoc. has worked long and hard to upgrade our facilities at Jackson Recreation Center. Four years ago we started a Tiny Tots program, for years we fought for the upcoming playground renovation, and we were also instrumental in getting a full time daytime director at the center who provides programs for tots to seniors.

Recently a rumor has been circulating that the Jackson Recreation Center is going to house offices for an additional six staff persons who were housed in the McLaren Lodge facilities in Golden Gate Park. McLaren Lodge has been turned into a visitors center. Furniture is already being delivered to Jackson. We are very concerned that our recreational rooms are going to be turned into offices.

Although we have been told by a supervisor of the Recreation & Park Dept. that no new outside programs will be added at Jackson, we have also heard otherwise from a reliable source at Rec & Park. What will this mean to our existing programs? Will this mean that we will not be able to add any "neighborhood" programs that we have worked for so diligently?

The Rec & Park Dept. wants input from the community. If you are concerned about this "reorganization" in our "community center," you can contact the Recreation & Park Dept. Call Joel Robinson, General Manager, at 831-2702 and Ron DeLeon, Superintendent, at 831-2700. Let them know you are concerned as to how this "reorganization" will affect existing recreational programs and how these administrative offices will affect the use of the recreation rooms.

Jude Deckenbach
Joan Ryssin-Anthony
Potrero Hill Parents Assoc.



'Touche' Hearing Delay

Editor:

The following was sent to the San Francisco Board of Permit Appeals

The neighborhood in which I live has been heavily involved in the process of having the police permits of Le Club Touche, 300 DeHaro revoked. Our effort to see that this occurs began on December 30, 1996, when an overflow crowd of neighbors jammed into our garage to talk with the police concerning this club. Since the meeting, some 650 neighbors have signed a petition to have the police permits of this establishment revoked.

It is about this process that I am writing. Due process is overdue. It took over four months for a police hearing on this matter. We were told one of the reasons for this was to accommodate the schedule of the attorney representing Touche. We have now been told a hearing is scheduled with the Board of Permit Appeals on July 16. We request now, that all steps be taken to insure that this process is no longer delayed.

The appeal to your office came in the final moments allowed for an appeal. We expect that if there is further delay in this matter, it will follow the same pattern. We are told by your office that if the hearing were to be delayed at this time, the first hearing dates would be the end of August. What will the new date be if a delay request is received the week before the currently scheduled hearing? Of course, you would have no way of knowing, but I imagine we would be talking September or October at the earliest. We would then be approaching one year from the time this all began.

We plan on getting as many neighbors to the hearing as possible. How are we to accomplish this if there is a last minute delay—for what ever reason—for the July 16 hearing? One thing we considered was a drive to have every petition signer write your office and ask for notification of any hearing dates. Your information officer stated that this would place an impossible burden on your office. We request in return, again, that all reasonable steps be taken to prevent any further delay in this matter. A delay in the July 16 date will seriously compromise our neighborhood's ability to participate in this process.

Gregg Stauffer
Rhode Island Street



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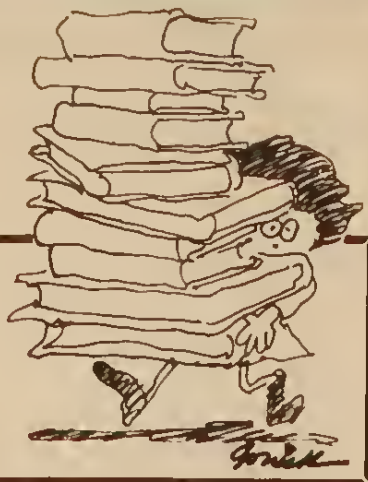
LIBRARY NEWS

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"READ AROUND THE CITY" IS LOOKING VERY PRETTY

From a pile of scrap bought at the Scrap Scavenger warehouse on Pier 80, library staff members Misty Bradford, Craig Caldwell, Nell Jehu, Amerlia Martin, and Toba Singer created the diorama currently in the display case. The "scrap" San Francisco features major landmarks and library branches in the vicinity of Potrero Hill.

The summer reading program encourages youth between the ages of 0-13 to join this year's summer reading club, borrowing from all branches, but logging time and titles at the branch where the reader wishes to receive the prizes, which will be awarded for each two-hour reading increment with three visits. We, of course, hope that your young reader chooses Potrero.

Display gazers have queried us as to whether the rooftop that flies a \$500 bill in place of a flag is intended to be the Mint or City Hall. Our response: "You decide." See this tour-de-force display — especially popular with people of all ages. Then sign up the youth in your life for summer reading, which is what it's all about, after all.

WEEDING RABBITS AND READING HABITS

As you do your summer reading, we do our summer weeding. We look for tattered favorites to replace with new copies, and bid farewell to the less viable material, as we make room for additions to our collections through replacements and new books. Since San Francisco Public Library's collection development policy has sparked controversy in the recent past, we'd like to share a suggestion on how borrowers can help.

We consider several criteria when deciding whether to remove a book from the shelf. A key criterion is the book's condition. We cannot conscientiously offer books with loose or torn pages, food stains, water damage, cigarette burns, crayon marks, underscoring, or spine damage. Even if a book is brand new, most of the damage described above cannot be repaired, and the book will be weeded.

As children read like little rabbits, encourage them to develop respectful habits. Read a safe distance from food, beverages, crayons, pens, pencils, scissors, paints and glue. Read with clean hands, and put books in a place where pests, pets or the elements will not do them damage. Keep books safe, but in a place that helps you to remember to return them on your next visit to the library. Cultivate these habits enthusiastically and consistently, and they will tend to multiply, as will the number of books available to one and all.

JULY IS MAGABUCKS MONTH

July is the month when patrons can contribute to the library periodicals budget. Support the effort to keep us current in general, or earmark your donation for a favorite magazine. Write a check to "Friends of the San Francisco Public Library" and turn it in with a Magabucks coupon now available at the Circulation Desk. While a Magabucks donation will not solve the library's current budget crisis, it does help extend the branch periodicals collection until action is taken to restore the budget.

SUMMER READING PROGRAM EVENTS SCHEDULE — JULY AND AUGUST

"Tapigami Man," David Kobrin, will perform on Saturday, July 26, at 4 p.m.

A master of both tap dance and origami, both art forms will be features of Kobrin's performance!

East Coast musician Anthony De Quattro tours San Francisco library branches this summer with "Beat Bonanza," an event that encourages children to take part in the multi-instrument musical fun. "Beat Bonanza" comes to Potrero Branch on Saturday, August 2, at 4 p.m.

Palestinian singer and storyteller Emilie Shihadeh will share Arabic tales and songs with people of all ages on Saturday, August 9, at 4 p.m.

A Children's Room Open House celebrates new furnishings and carpet recently donated by Anchor Brewing Company. It will take place at the library on Saturday, August 16, at 4 p.m. Also on that day, children who have read eight or more books in the Summer Reading Program will receive awards. Headlining that event will be the highly-acclaimed singer and storyteller from Ghana, Kwaku Daddy, who comes to us after a successful engagement as part of the "Old First" summer music series.

CHILDREN'S LAPSITS, STORY TIMES AND VIDEO

Infant-Toddler Lapsit takes place on Thursdays, July 3, 17, 24 and 31 at 10 a.m. There will be no lapsit on Thursday, July 11. Pre-school Story Time takes place on Saturdays, July 5, 19, and 26 at 4 p.m. There will be no story time on Saturday, July 12. The video, "The Red Balloon," will be shown on Tuesday, July 1 at 10:30 a.m., and Wednesday, July 2, at 7 p.m.

COMING ATTRACTIONS: BOOKS ON ORDER

* Farmanfarmaian, Manucher. "Blood and Oil." Iran's first ambassador in Venezuela and a signatory to the pact that established OPEC provides a history of modern Iran.

* "Best of Dee Brown's West: an Anthology," edited by Stan "Tex" Banash. Short pieces of Western Folklore and history, this excellent collection of his essays showcases the careful research by this, the author of "Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee."

* Cumings, Bruce. "Korea's Place in the Sun: a modern history." Publishers Weekly called this book "riveting." Key to understanding politics in Korea today.

* Peters, Margot. "May Sarton: a biography." The authorized and well-written biography of the tumultuous life of the late poet, novelist and diarist.

* Sedaris, David. "Naked." Essays from playwright and radio commentator, which is on current local bestseller list.

COMING ATTRACTIONS: BOOKS ON ORDER FOR CHILDREN

* Jones, Charlotte Foltz. "Accidents May Happen: Fifty Inventions Discovered by Mistake."

* Southgate, Martha. "Another Way to Dance"

* Casely, Judy. "Sophie and Sammy's Library Sleepover"

* Quattlebaum, Mary. "The Magic Squad and the Dog of Great Potential"

* Roach, Marilynne K. "In the Days of the Salem Witchcraft Trials"

* Farjeon, Eleanor. "Cats Sleep Anywhere"

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TEN YEARS AGO

In The View

HILL MURAL GETS BIG WELCOME:

Hundreds of Hill residents gathered at the 17th and Connecticut Streets on June 13, 1987, to welcome the Potrero Hill mural and honor its artist, Nicole Emanuel. Speakers at the block party celebrating the event included Art Agnos, then an Assemblyman and resident of the Hill; James Herman, then president of the International Longshore and Warehouse Union (ILWU), who still lives on Potrero Hill; and Potrero Hill Neighborhood House Director Enola Maxwell. Artist Emanuel paid a warm tribute to the community for its support of the project.

MISSION BAY-BALLPARK CONTROVERSY:

The possibility that a bond issue supporting the construction of a baseball stadium at Seventh and Townsend Streets might make it onto the November, 1987, ballot had Potrero Hill residents protesting. What the bond issue might entail was not clear despite Mayor Dianne Feinstein's assurances that no public funds would be used to construct such a facility, but what was clear was that such a measure would be competing with other major bond issues including those for school improvements, police facilities, parks and a mental health facility at S.F. General Hospital.

MIDDLE SCHOOL SCORES RISE...BUT:

Seventh and eighth graders at the Potrero Hill Middle School showed a marked improvement in math studies, according to test results released by the State Department of Education in June. Math scores jumped 2.5 percent from 1986 scores and "language ability" showed a two percent increase, but reading test figures still lags behind. However, the good news was threatened, said the VIEW, by budget cuts approved by the Board of Education that June. The cuts projected a layoff of 100 school employees citywide, elimination of some programs, cuts in funds for textbooks and instructional materials as well as for equipment and repairs.

FROM TO GOAT HILL TO CAPITOL HILL:

Goat Hill Pizza's Phil de Andrade prepared to move to Washington, D.C. to work on the staff of new Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi. DeAndrade, who opened his popular eatery at 18th and Connecticut Sts. in 1975, was looking forward to working as a systems analyst for Pelosi. He viewed his new position as a chance to further his "interest in helping the world be a better place for having walked through it." DeAndrade, a former seminarian, first entered electoral politics when he worked in the initial Assembly campaign of Leo McCarthy, who went on to become Lt. Governor in 1987.

THIS AND THAT:

The NABE was offering papermaking classes taught by Artist-in-Residence Andrea Tucker-Ildody and guest artists...St. Teresa's parishioners heard a representative of the Hill church's sister parish in El Salvador describe the repression permeating life there. A profile of Hill muralist Nicole Emanuel noted that the 25-year-old had managed in her short life to have been "a public relations coordinator, documentor, project designer, fundraiser, community organizer, event coordinator; exhibit curator, photographer and script writer." And a summo cum laude graduate of San Francisco State...The Jackdaw Restaurant (now Connecticut Yankee) was advertising Southern Fried Chicken Dinners for \$6.95...Information on fire and earthquake preparedness was provided to Potrero League of Active Neighbors (PLAN) members at their June, 1987 meeting. Speaker was Captain Tom Nyhan of the S.F.P.D....The Potrero Hill Library was showing 100 photos of Hill history from the Hill Archives collection amassed by Peter Linenthal...The call was out for 20 artists needed to compete for the "world's record in marathon drawing" at the Southern Exposure Gallery.

AND 20 YEARS AGO:

Hill resident Geral Rosen read at the library from his new novel, "The Carmen Miranda Memorial Flagpole."

—Vas Arnautoff



Potrero Hill Neighborhood House

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Enola D. Maxwell, Executive Director

ON-GOING MEETINGS:

Al-Anon	Thursdays, 6:30 pm
Alcoholics Anonymous	Sun, 8:00 pm/Mon & Thurs, 8:30 pm
Girls/Boys Club	Mondays, 4:00 pm
Narcotics Anonymous	Wednesdays, 8:00 pm
Omega Boys Club	Tuesdays, 7:30 pm

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- Food Distribution
- Gang Prevention
- Girls/Boys Club
- Graffiti Paint Out
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- Home Supervision

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- Job Readiness
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The NABE is wheelchair accessible. If you have the need for the services of a certified American Sign Language interpreter, or a sound enhancement system, or meeting in an alternative format please contact (415) 826-8080 at least three working days prior

Watch for Parking Changes At 18th & Connecticut Bus Zone

The Dept. of Parking and Traffic (DPT) has confirmed that the existing bus zone that occupies the southwest corner of 18th Street and Connecticut Street adjacent to the Lilo Lounge and directly across from Goat Hill Pizza has been redesignated as a "part-time" bus zone.

As of July 4, providing that the existing work order issued to the Sign Division of the DPT is completed on schedule, the bus zone parking regulations will no longer be in effect seven days a week, 24 hours a day.

The new zone designation allows for vehicles to park without risk of violation

in the bus zone between the hours of 8:30 p.m. and 5:30 a.m. every day of the year. The change has been approved by the Board of Supervisors.

The DPT stated that there is no reason to suggest that order for the new regulation posting and repainting of the zone would not be completed by the July 4 deadline, but they caution that until the new signs are actually displayed and fixed on the location and the zone is repainted with a new red and black color pattern, the zone would be considered to be a 24-hour one and parking violations will be issued accordingly.

— C.P.



Happy Birthday . . .

HAPPY JULY BIRTHDAY: Mark Baldwin, Tom Bencharsky, Robert Byrne, Tim Burns, Caravaggio, Linda Clark, Thierry De Serpos, Lisa Franks, George Gershwin, Dick Givens, Billie Holiday, Sheila Hostettler, Kayren Hudiburgh, Beverly Jacobs, Jim Kershaw, Mauri Schwartz Levy, Winifred Mann, Colleen McGill, Juliet Meblin, Ivle Mercer, Steven Petrow, Bari Rolf, Anna Rowe, Michelle Sullivan, Barbara Dundy Virden.

HOW THE HILL VOTED

CITY PROPOSITIONS	Potrero Hill	San Francisco
	Y/N	Y/N
PROP A - Educational Facilities Bonds	2124/677	116,801/51,664
PROP B - Cultural Facilities Bonds	1712/1140	80,234/85,474
PROP C - Zoo Facilities Bonds	1979/822	113,190/55,794
PROP D - Football Stadium Bonds	1192/1641	87,567/86,045
PROP E - PUC Revenue Uses	921/1501	55,128/93,639
PROP F - Candlestick Point Land Use	1203/1645	87,102/85,902



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Quick Okay of Ballpark Environmental Impact Report Leaves Major Traffic, Parking Issues Unaddressed

By Carol Peterson

Unresolved parking, traffic and maritime issues surrounding the proposed Giants ballpark were once again discussed at a special meeting for interested parties and various city agencies June 23.

About 200 concerned citizens attended the "informational meeting" and heard a panel that included members of the City Attorney's office, the Port Commission, the Planning Dept., and the Dept. of Parking and Traffic (DPT). Representatives of the Giants organization were in the audience, although they were not seated on the panel and made no comment during the course of the discussion.

David Prowler of the Mayor's Office, the main speaker and mediator for the event, presented a schedule of future meetings of interest to the surrounding communities. First item on this schedule was a joint meeting of the Planning Commission and the Redevelopment Agency, June 26, the agenda of which was the certification of the Environ-

mental Impact Report (EIR). The schedule additionally called for meetings to approve the amendments to the general plan and the redevelopment plan in full by July 7.

As most of the areas of concern to those attending the meeting seemed to revolve around parking and traffic flow, the Planning Commission announced their intention to initiate the formation of yet another committee whose purpose would be to study the complex issues of traffic management around the new ballpark.

The committee will be appointed by the mayor and be comprised of representatives from Muni, the DPT, the Planning Commission, the Giants, and representatives of various affected Citizen's Advisory Committees (CACs), as well as business and residential leaders. The new committee would operate under the name of the Ballpark Transportation Coordinating Committee (BTCC), and would continue to meet even after initial traffic management programs are in place.

Although the ballpark will primarily be used by the Giants for their regular season game schedule, the plan for the ballpark also provides for additional usages by the city of up to 45 non-game events of varying attendance levels throughout the year. Since each of these situations will demand flexible traffic movement patterns, it was felt that this committee should review each special circumstance on a case by case basis and change the traffic management plan accordingly.

In addition, city agencies felt that resolution of traffic issues should be shelved until up to one year before the ballpark's completion. The meeting was then opened to questions from the floor.

These decisions were greeted by an outpouring of discontent and anger about how issues of interest to the surrounding communities were being ignored.

Rick Mariano, who heads the Rincon Point-South Beach Citizen's Advisory Committee, expressed his disappointment at the Draft EIR's failure to even address many points that were

seen by the surrounding communities as requiring solutions before the final EIR is adopted. These points are in an "under consideration" status.

"Why invite us to be on another committee where we will be ignored?" Mariano charged about the BTCC's formation. Most of the public comment echoed the frustration voiced by Mariano. One South Beach Harbor boat owner gained a round of applause when he pointed out that not one member of the panel had at any time even put pen to paper to take notes on any of the comments made by the public.

A proposed "hot line" available to boat owners berthed in South Beach Harbor — should construction dust cause any significant clean-up process to be needed by their vessels — proved not to be so hot. Although complaints would be given an immediate ear by the city, the filed report of the complaint or any

demand for payment of repair to property would only be submitted with regular claims to the City Attorney's office.

The June 26 meeting of the Planning Commission and the Redevelopment Agency to certify the EIR was distinguished by the attendance of the Mayor Willie Brown, who gave instructions to the commissioners to "take action on the documents today." San Franciscans' tendencies for deliberation are in opposition to the way he operates, he noted.

The EIR and further certifications must be ratified according to the current "fast track" schedule in order to break ground on the project this October.

Citizens once again attended this meeting in large numbers, expressing to the Commission concerns that the certification of the EIR be delayed until certain issues have been resolved. However, as expected, the EIR was unanimously approved by the commissions.



In the woodcut above, San Franciscans crowd Market Street in July, 1934 to pay tribute to the memory of workers Nick Bordoise and Howard Sperry, killed by police in the Battle of Rincon Hill. Their murder — on what has come to be called Bloody Thursday — gave rise to the 1934 San Francisco General Strike. Bloody Thursday will be commemorated this year on July 5 at Local 10 of the Int'l. Longshore & Warehouse Union, 400 Northpoint.

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Good Life Grocery Awards Employee Scholarship

The Good Life Grocery has announced that it is awarding its seventh annual scholarship award to Ana C. Orozco, who has been an employee of The Good Life Grocery since August 1995. She graduated from Lowell High School on June 4 and she will be attending Sacramento State University in the fall. Planning to study child psychology, she said that she loves working with children and feels she can help children stay on the right path.

Orozco started at The Good Life Grocery as a cashier and has expanded her responsibilities to include the fresh food and the grocery departments. She works regularly at the Bernal Heights store, but she also fills in at the Potrero store as well. She is a customer favorite because of her enthusiasm towards work and her ever-present smile. She plans on attending summer school as well as working at The Good Life Grocery through the summer.

The Good Life Grocery has sponsored scholarships for the young people it employs since 1989. The scholarship effort

is open to any high school student employed by The Good Life Grocery for a minimum of two years, who graduates high school and enrolls in a college or trade school. Employees must maintain a C+ average while working and maintain their work skills at the store. Scholarships are awarded based on length of service at The Good Life Grocery. Orozco will receive a \$500 scholarship award.

Previous scholarship awards were Ronald Wilson, Grambling University; Jamala Sanford, Morehouse University; Carmelinda Mann, San Francisco State; Kenya "Smiley" Williams, Howard University; Susana Sanchez, San Francisco State; and Dennis Dudies, San Francisco State.

The Good Life Grocery is a neighborhood business serving the communities of Potrero Hill and Bernal Heights. Founded in 1974, The Good Life continues its outreach to young people seeking serious work training and job skills, and has been recognized for its job training practices by The Bridges Foundation and the United Way.



Good Life Grocery employees above include high school graduate Pablo "Alex" Alberto, Emily Hanson, scholarship winner Ana Orozco, Elly Mayan and Manuel De Jesus Munoz.

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"Books By the Bay," a free open-air book fair, returns to San Francisco's Embarcadero boardwalk Saturday, July 19, from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. for its second annual celebration of the Bay Area's proud tradition of independent bookselling. Sponsored by the Northern Calif. Independent Booksellers Assn. the event will feature 30 bookstore booths (including Potrero Hill's Christopher's Books), author readings and signings, live jazz, a poetry hour, and a children's activity area, all adjacent to the Ferry Building and across from the Farmer's Market. For more info call 927-3937.

Fifth Floor Productions opens "Bake Sale" at SOMAR, 934 Brannan St., July 26, running through Aug. 16. The Fifth Floor is an ensemble of artists working collaboratively to create original inter-disciplinary theatre pieces and selected reworkings of classic texts. This production by the company shows them as the Branch Davidians, who recreate what might have transpired had the Davidians been attempting to make a film of highlights of the Book of Genesis while under government siege. For info call 821-9997.

On July 29, the Modern Times Bookstore presents a "Laborfest '97 Poetry Reading" as part of activities running throughout the month, beginning July 5, which is designated "Bloody Thursday" by labor to commemorate the murder by police of strikers sparking the General Strike of 1934. The readings will include works by local writers. The event begins at 7:30 p.m. at 888 Valencia St. Call 282-9246 for more info.

The ODC Theater presents a program of performances under the title "Wild Cabaret Series," weekends from July 11-27. "Wild Men/Wild Women" features a variety of solo or group artists who create dynamic, outrageous, and challenging works integrating diverse culture sources. Shows will be held at the Performance Gallery, 3153-17th St. For info on prices, times and dates of the different programs, call 863-9834.



UCSF AIDS researchers are conducting a study to understand how to better target HIV prevention efforts to Bay Area gay or bisexual men of color, particularly African Americans and Latinos, because these groups are at disproportional risk for HIV/AIDS. Each study participant will be asked to talk about himself in an in-depth, face-to-face interview conducted by a trained interviewer. A team of UCSF and community researchers and educators will use the interviews to develop better HIV prevention programs and services for men of color in San Francisco. Participants will be compensated \$25, and must be between 25 and 50 years of age, work or live in San Francisco, and have previously been tested for HIV. For more info call 597-4985.

In commemoration of its 50th Anniversary, the Bar Association of San Francisco's Lawyer Referral Service (LRS) has launched a series of "Brown Bag Law Lunches." Attorneys experienced in a given field of law will attend a lunch-time meeting at mid-to large-size companies, unions, neighborhood or community groups, to address members of the public on topics of interest to them, free of charge. Anyone belonging to a company or organization that would be interested in participating in this program should contact Heather Wagner, LRS Community Relations Coordinator, at 782-8982.

The Seventh Annual Jazz and Wine Festival sponsored by the S.F. Jazz Festival takes place at Embarcadero Center July 15 and 26, 5:30-9:30 p.m. (Saturday); 2-6 p.m. (Sunday). This two-day celebration of jazz, wines and gourmet food is presented free to the public; proceeds from sales of wine and merchandise benefit the Dizzy Gillespie Jazz Education Fund of the S.F. Jazz Festival.

The S.F. Bay Area Pro-Am Basketball League, originated by Potrero Hill Rec and Park director Jon Greenberg, begins its 1997 season with games at both Kezar Pavillion Mondays and Thursdays, and at the Hill's Rec Center, 801 Arkansas St., Tuesdays and Wednesdays. All play begins at 8 p.m. Traditionally guest players include well-known professionals and local college and high school stars. Women's League games are played Saturdays at noon, 2 and 4 p.m., at Kezar. The popular league is sanctioned by the NCAA and games are free to the public.

Towns with names like Sonoma, Mokelumne Hill, Jackson, Placerville, Nevada City, Grass Valley, and Marysville may seem just like California villages from the distant past, but to Jewish historians like Susan Morris these locations are more than dots on the map of our state. These locations are rich in the history of Jewish pioneer activities in California, and Morris will talk on "Ghosts From the Gold Country" at the S.F. History Association's monthly meeting Thurs., July 24, at 7:30 p.m., in the Museum of the City of San Francisco, 2801 Leavenworth, at Beach Streets. There is no admission cost to members, and the evening is \$5 for the general public. Doors open at 7:15 p.m., and light refreshments will be served.

The Ansel Adams Center for Photography, 250-4th St., announces a series of lectures throughout the month, including: July 12, David Hilliard, Exec. Dir. of the Huey P. Newton Foundation; July 16, Dan Siegel, anti-war movement leader, U.C. Berkeley Student Body President, 1969-1970; July 19, Chet Helms, founder of Family Dog Productions, former manager of Big Brother & the Holding Co.; and July 23, Anne Weills, women's liberation movement leader and anti-war activist. For further info, call 495-7000.

The Community Music Center, 544 Capp St., presents a free performance by Chanticleer, Wednesday, July 23, from 5:30-6:30 p.m. The group is well-known for its interpretation of vocal literature from Renaissance to jazz and from gospel to venturesome new music. A reception will follow. Call 647-6015 for details.

The S.F. Recycling Program offers volunteers opportunities to participate in waste prevention with the Recycling and Hazardous Waste Programs at their meeting the first Wednesday of every month, 5:30 p.m. at 1145 Market St. #401. Call 554-3404 for more info.

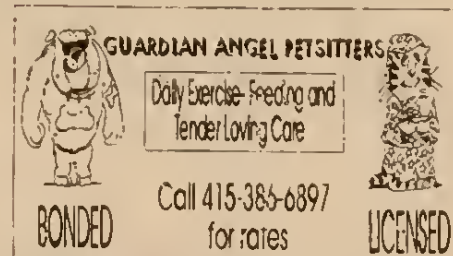
"Women of Vision," a six-week series showcasing the latest films and videos from many of California's premier women filmmakers will be aired on local PBS station KCSM TV 60, at 8 p.m. Wednesdays. The show is hosted by television personality Jan Yanehiro, and will feature short films and videos by local filmmakers. Some of the films include "When Women Go Through Menopause, Where Do Men Go?"; "Rewind: It Could Have Been Me," about a single homeless mother, featuring original music by Holly Near. The series will be repeated every Saturday from July 5-19 at 10 p.m. For more info about the series call 775-1835.

The S.F. Public Library is featuring a schedule of classes and lectures designed to give people a range of opportunities to learn about the online resources at the Library. Those interested will learn how to use the SFPL catalog, and other databases through their system and also the Internet. Call Johanna Goldschmid, Team Leader/ Public Orientations and Trainings Information Services, 557-4401.

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'Blacks & Jews': Beyond Platitudes – to Perceptions

By Judy Baston

During the 1991 riots in Brooklyn's Crown Heights, Peter Noel, a Black journalist from Trinidad, saves the life of Isaac Bitton, a Hasidic rock and roll drummer from Morocco. The next day, a New York tabloid splashes across its cover a full page picture of Bitton lying on the ground, just before he was rescued.

"Where is the photo of me trying to help this man?" Noel asks in one of the more poignant moments of "Blacks and Jews," one of several dozen films that will show at the Jewish Film Festival July 17-24 at the Castro Theatre. (Call 621-0556 for schedule and information.)

The San Francisco showing of this film, July 20 at 6 p.m. at the Castro, will be followed by a free seminar, "The Elusive Bridge: Re-Evaluating Black-Jewish Relations," scheduled for 8 p.m. It will be moderated by Mayor Willie Brown and includes two scholars who contribute some of the film's more insightful comments: Claybourne Carson, Director of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Papers Project and Professor of History at Stanford, and David Biale, Koret Professor of Jewish History and Director of the Center for Jewish Studies at Berkeley's Graduate Theological Union.

Although Noel's plea points up the role of the media in exacerbating the conflict between the two groups, the film shies away from simple solutions. It presents five case studies showing both coalition and conflict: Crown Heights, where

Noel and Bitton later joined together to work with neighborhood youth; Chicago's Lawndale neighborhood, where a rabbi fought against real estate speculators who engaged in blockbusting and forced Black homebuyers to sign no-equity contracts; the journey of former *Muhammad Speaks* editor Sulim Muwakkil through the Nation of Islam (NOI) to the realization that NOI Minister Louis Farrakhan believes in "genetic determinism" and the belief that "racism is at the core of Farrakhan's message"; the differing perceptions of a Jewish director and Black screenwriter about opportunity in Hollywood; and, closest to home, the furor that followed the ejection from a 1995 showing of "Schindler's List" of a class from Oakland's primarily Black and Latino Castlemont High School.

This latter episode shows some of the most honest examples of how members of one group can perceive a situation one way and another group can see it entirely differently.

Although the noisy behavior by the Castlemont students during "Schindler's List" appeared to have no anti-Jewish undertones, the divisions between the two groups did begin to emerge as students, teachers and counselors reacted to the round of discussions that took place following the incident. While comments about Jews made by two of the Black speakers at the school were minimized by a Black teacher, they were perceived with hurt and concern by a Jewish teacher.

This, in fact, is one of the film's greatest strengths, that it shows different perceptions of the same reality by the two groups. Such perceptions are the stuff of which misunderstanding is often built. In fact, although the film itself manages to avoid most minefields of miscommunication, I myself experienced some discomfort when the film's narrator referred to the "African Holocaust." For me, it is an erroneous and problematic use of the word "holocaust," which because of its origins in the Greek "holokoustus," signifies a burnt offering, and is used to designate the World War II genocide against the Jews and other groups because of the crematoria used by the Nazis.

Was I more disappointed to see the film's narrative adopt this usage as a person who works with words and cares about their meaning — or as a Jew who lost family in the Holocaust? Such a question should not be a point of departure from the film but one of what surely may be many points of discussion and dialogue to follow.



Peter Noel (left) and Isaac Bitton get to know each other after Noel saves Bitton's life during the 1991 Crown Heights riots. Their story is one of five spotlighted in "Blacks and Jews."



GUATEMALAN ARTISTS

SOMAR Gallery at the South of Market Cultural Center will present the work of six Guatemalan painters from July 12 to Aug. 3.

The artists are from Quetzaltenango, the second largest city in Guatemala, and their work reflects the roots and traditions of the Mayan Indian culture of that region.

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Also featured will be original book illustrations of the psychedelic collagist Satty (described by one observer as "Max Ernst on acid") and the mystical "visionscapes" of East Totem West artists Gage Taylor, Bill Martin, and Nick Hyde.



Graphic and book arts of the psychedelic era are the featured exhibit "Flashback" at the San Francisco Center for the Book, at 300 De Haro St., through Sept. 1. Rarely seen printed art that was created anonymously and handed out free to the public is part of the exhibit.



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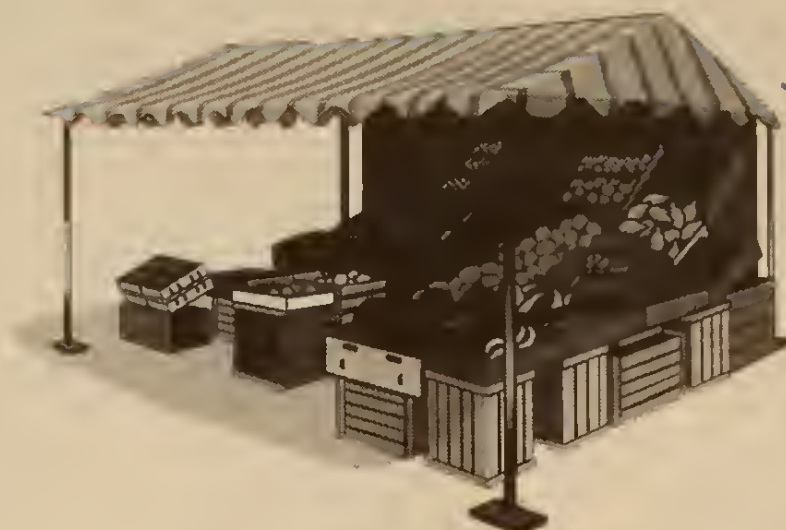
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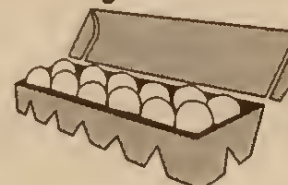
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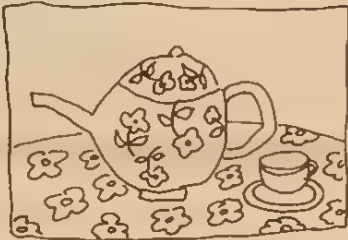
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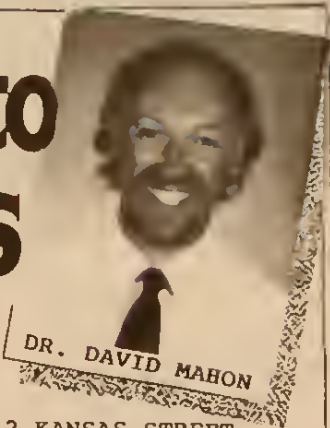
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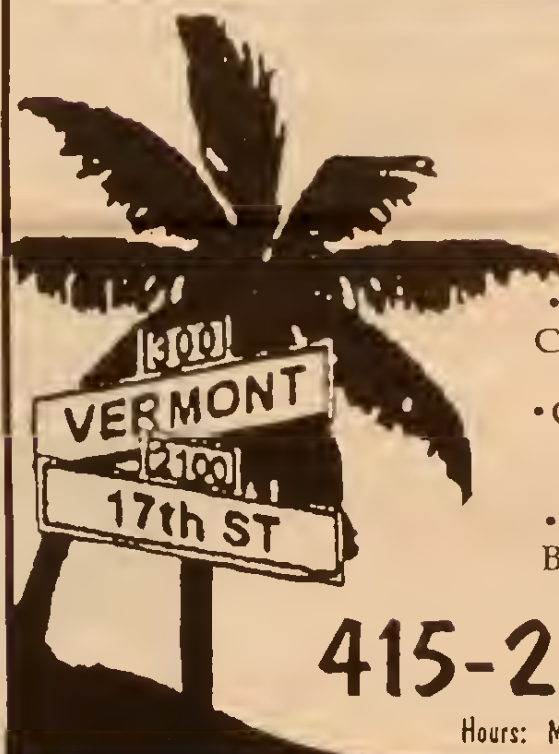
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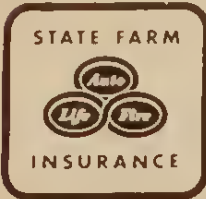
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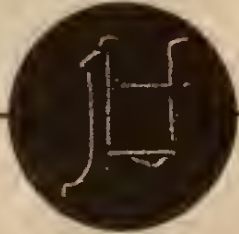
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HEALTH INSURANCE ON THE HILL: Free quotes for individuals, families and small businesses - Blue Cross, Blue Shield, and other 'A' rated plans, HMOs, Medicare Supplements, Long Term Care. Let an expert assist you. There's no extra cost for using an agent! Call Bill Hannant. 647-7012.

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